

SITUATION REPORT NO. 2
INCIDENT NO. 2004-024
DATE: March 12, 2004 Time: 3:00 P.M.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Garrison Water Shortage – The city's ability to provide water to its customers was disrupted on the evening of Thursday, March 4, impacting 1,318 people in the city and 1,376 water users in the surrounding rural area.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No deaths or injuries have been reported.
3. DAMAGES: No change from the previous report.
4. RESOURCES:
LOCAL: No change from the previous report.
STATE: No change from the previous report.
FEDERAL: No change from the previous report.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: No change from the previous report.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: On March 15 a public meeting will be held in the city of Garrison. Governor John Hoeven, John P. Woodley, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Army Corps of Engineers and Brigadier General William Grisoli, Division Commander for the Northwest Division of the Army Corps of Engineers, will be present at the meeting along with city officials.

On March 12, the McLean County Emergency Manager reported that AGRA, a sub-contractor of Northern Improvement, will begin work on connecting the temporary water line to the city of Garrison's water supply system. On Wednesday, March 10, AGRA was unable to connect the temporary line to the water supply system due to a storm that moved through the area. The pump, which will be utilized for the temporary line, is stationary, not a submersible or floating pump. It has been agreed by the city and rural officials to attempt to use the well water as potable water. The N.D. Department of Health (DOH) drinking water safety guidelines will require ten water samples (five city and five rural) as well as a sample from the city well. The boil order will remain in effect until sampling confirms acceptable potability standards.

On March 11, the county emergency manger reported that the Garrison Hospital and Nursing Home began using water from the water buffaloes provided by the N.D. National Guard (NDNG) to the Garrison High School and Elementary School.

On March 9, Adventure Divers from Minot contracted with Associated Plumbing and Heating Engineers, Inc from Crookston, MN to utilize a camera to examine the intake pipe. They were able to descend approximately 480 to 490 feet with the camera where they discovered water, but they were unable to go any further. It was undetermined if any obstructions existed in the pipe

On March 8, the NDNG dispatched two-400 gallon water buffalo tanks with potable water to Garrison for the High School and Elementary School.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: As indicated.

OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from the previous report.

8. OTHER INFORMATION: The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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